

## NETWORK NEWS



Greetings from Cambridge!

We hope that you've had a good break, and returned rested and refreshed! We're getting into the thick of things, and are planning lots of interesting and educational events for our community. Our calendar starts on 21st January with our first [Coffee Break Seminar](#) where Grainne Hutton will discuss the link between food, culture, and wellbeing in Africa. You can read the article based on her work [here](#). Please contact [Francesca](#) if you would like to present your work at a future Seminar. This is followed on 26th January by the next Forgotten Crops Society Dialogue Series titled '[Is there a business case for forgotten crops? The role of the private seed sector](#)'. We look forward to your participation at these events.

*Image: New Museum Site, Cambridge. Credit: Sir Cam*



Our Fika Group launches - meet new people in our community!

The GFS Fika Group is a fun way to meet people from across our community, and is loosely based on 'Fika', the Swedish culture of regularly meeting and having conversation over coffee and cake.

Members can contact [Karen](#) or [Francesca](#) if they would like to join the Fika Group. Then, on the first Friday of each month during [University Terms](#), you will receive an email that randomly pairs you with another member of the Group. It is then up to the two of you to arrange a time to meet, for about 20 minutes, during the course of that month. These conversations are meant to revolve around introductions, and professional experiences or interests, so make the best use of the time. Normally these meetings would take place in person, but for the foreseeable future will take place online (with coffee and cake or whatever else you prefer).

You will be paired with a different person from the GFS community each month, and you can join or leave the group at any point by emailing Karen or Francesca, preferably a few days before the pairings take place on the first Friday of the month. Happy Fika!

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We held the last Coffee Break Seminar of 2021 on 10 December: Christmas Dinner 2050: will we be eating alternative turkey? Please find the event report and recording [here](#).

## LISTINGS

### INTERNAL EVENTS

Please note that some of our past events were recorded, and the [links](#) have been added to the original event listings.

**Every Friday during term time.** [Coffee Break Seminars](#). A relaxed online learning, networking, and discussion platform for our food security community. Please find information on our previous talks (with links to the speakers' slides and recordings of the events) and forthcoming talks.

**20 January.** [Wellcome Lecture in the History of Medicine with Gabriela Soto Laveaga](#).

**From 21 January.** [Darwin College Lecture Series](#).

### EXTERNAL EVENTS

**18-20 January.** [Online event: 2nd Annual Fermentation-Enabled Alternative Protein Innovation Summit](#)

**20 January.** [e-Dialogue Series on Towards an Equitable and Sustainable Transformation of Food Systems](#)

**24 January.** [SynBio Postdocs Meet and Greet.](#)

**25 January.** [How can we build community wealth through food and farming?](#)

## **PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA**

*\*[Contact us](#) if you would like support in promoting your new publication.*

[Mussels to the masses.](#) Cambridge scientists think that farming clams and mussels – with the help of a few innovations in food production and processing – could be the next big thing to provide sustainable nutritious food to the masses. By David Willer.

[New grafting technique could combat the disease threatening Cavendish bananas.](#) By Jacqueline Garget.

Book. [Endangered Maize: Industrial Agriculture and the Crisis of Extinction.](#) By Helen Anne Curry.

[Disaster displacement and zoonotic disease dynamics: The impact of structural and chronic drivers in Sindh, Pakistan.](#) Braam DH, Chandio R, Jephcott FL, Tasker A, Wood JLN (2021). *PLOS Glob Public Health*

[Opportunities and challenges for upscaled global bivalve seafood production.](#) Willer, D. F., Nicholls, R.J. & Aldridge, D. C. (2021). *Nature Food*.

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

*\*If you are a University of Cambridge researcher interested in putting together an interdisciplinary application and would like assistance in finding suitable collaborators/coordinating a group meeting, please [contact us](#).\**

[2022 – 2023 conferences and events funding](#)

[NERC large grant to tackle big environmental science questions](#)

Cambridge Zero is gauging interest for this call across the Cambridge community. If you have an idea for a proposal or are considering applying and would like to discuss this, please get in touch by emailing Erik Mackie on [ejm222@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ejm222@cam.ac.uk). If you have an idea for a proposal, please include a few sentences to explain the topic and project you have in mind.

[Developing Solutions for Developing Countries Product Development Competition](#)

[Breakthrough Generation Fellowship in Climate & Energy, Food & Farming, or Cities, The Breakthrough Institute, Berkeley, California, United States](#)

[Monitoring and effective measures for agrobiodiversity](#)

[Royal Society Athena Prize](#)

[Wilkins-Bernal-Medawar Medal and Lecture](#)

[Royal Society David Attenborough Award and Lecture](#)

[Michael Faraday Prize and Lecture](#)